



# SOCIOLOGY CURRICULUM INTENT

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The aim of sociology is to stimulate an interest in society. Whilst sociology sees itself as a social science, there is the acknowledgement that knowledge is not fixed but open to interpretation. This allows students to understand the idea of looking at social phenomena through various 'lenses'. Sociology is significant for our students to develop a confident understanding of British society. The curriculum is mapped and taught to allow students to reflect on their own lives and the lives of those around them. Sociology enables our students to have an insight into the behaviours of different groups in society and comprehend differences amongst us. This develops a strong understanding of diversity in British society on the basis of race, religion, sexuality and gender which enhances their mutual respect for others and their individual liberty.

Sociology gives our students powerful knowledge about the world to make them aware of concepts such as cultural capital and the part it plays in inequalities in society. Students can also make links across the sciences and humanities. For example, the study of Marxism and feminism can support broader critical thinking whilst topics such as Beliefs in Society expose students to relevant and contemporary changes in British society and an understanding of the role of religion in modern society. The Family Diversity topic gives students insight into the changing structure of families, and more importantly, the wider definition of the family in postmodern Britain. Students develop empathy through the study of unequal educational outcomes and are able to articulate possible social policy solutions to eliminate educational differences.